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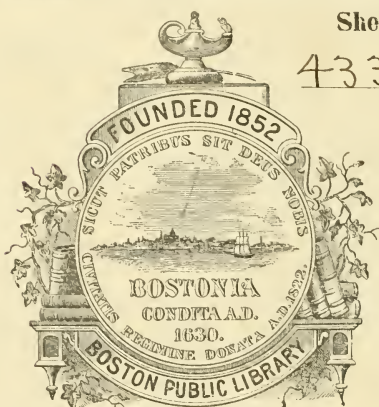
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THE HILTON FAMILY.

WILLIAM¹ HILTON came from London to Plymouth, in New England, in the "Fortune," Nov. 11, 1621.* The "Fortune" sailed for England, on her return, within a month thereafter, and the following letter which he sent by her to his cousin in England, was first printed in Capt. John Smith's "New Englands Trials," edition of 1622.

Wm Hilton

1655.

Louing cousin, at our ariuall at New Plimmoth in New England, we found all our friends and planters in good health, though they were left sicke and weake with very small meanes, the Indians round about vs peaceable and friendly, the country very pleasant and temperate, yeelding naturally of it self great store of fruites, as vines of diuers sorts in great abundance; there is likewise walnuts, chesnuts, small nuts and plums, with much varietie of flowers, rootes, and herbs, no lesse pleasant then wholsome and profitable: no place hath more goose-berries and straw-berries, nor better, Timber of all sorts you haue in England, doth couer the Land, that affoordes beasts of diuers sorts, and great flocks of Turkies, Quailes Pigeons and Patri ges: many great lakes abounding with fish, fowle, Beuers and Otters. The sea affoordes vs as great plenty of all excellent sorts of sea-fish, as the riuers and Iles doth varietie of wilde fowle of most vsefull sorts. Mines we find to our thinking, but neither the goodnesse nor qualitie we know. Better grain cannot be then the Indian corne, if we will plant it vpon as good ground as a man need desire. We are all free-holders, the rent day doth not trouble vs, and all those good blessings we haue, of which and what we list in their seasons for taking. Our companie are for most part very religious honest people; the word of God sincere ly taught vs euery Sabbath: so that I know not any thing a contented mind can here want. I desire your friendly care to send my wife and children to me, where I wish all the friends I haue in England, and so I rest

Your louing kinsman *William Hilton.*

His wife and two children followed in the "Anne," July or August, 1623. In the allotments of land in 1623, there was granted to him one acre lying "to the sea, eastward," and to his wife and two children three acres butting "against the swampe & reed-

* See *New-England Historical and Genealogical Register* for April, 1877 (xxx. 179).

ponde.”* He was of Plymouth in 1624, for the friends of John Lyford, who came over in the beginning of that year, and who was driven from the colony soon after with some of his adherents, affirmed “that the first occasion of the quarrel with them was the baptizing of Mr. Hilton’s child, who was not joined to the church at Plymouth.”† As his name does not appear among those present at the division of cattle in 1627,‡ he must have removed from Plymouth before that date. His son William, who came to Plymouth in the “Anne” in July or August 1623, states that “in a little tyme following” his arrival, they settled themselves on the Piscataqua River with Mr. Edward Hilton and that they were the first English planters there.§

He was one of the witnesses, July 7, 1631, to the livery of seizin to his brother Edward Hilton|| of the lands embraced in the Squamscott, or Hilton’s Patent,¶ which bears date March 12, 1629 [i.e. 1629-30]. The following letter to the Worshipful Mr. John Winthrop, the younger, at Agawam, is printed with the Winthrop papers in the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society.**

Pascataque

Ser

April 18th 1633

There ariued a ffishing shipe at Pascataque about the 15th of this p’sant moneth where in is one Richard ffoxwell whoe hath fformely liued in this cuntry he bringeth nuse y^t there were tow shipes making ready at Barstaple whoe are to bring passingers & catell ffor to plant in the bay he hath letters ffor m^r wearom & diuers others at dorchester wch hee intends to bring in to the bay so soone as posible he can like wise he heard ffrom m^r Aler-ton whoe was making ready at Bristole ffor to come ffor this cuntry other nuse he bringeth not that I can heare of onely m^r Borowes purposeth to come ffor this cuntry ffrom london & soe desighring you to convey thes letters in to the bay wth what conveniency you can desighring the lord to blesse you in your lawfull designs I humbly rest

Your wo^r ashured to com

WILLIAM HILTON.

Ser I purpose eare long be if y^e lord will to see you.

The masters name of the shipe is John Corbin of Plimouth.

To the wo^r m^r John Winthrope the younger at aguawam give these.

The following letter, although it bears no date, was probably written in the same year, 1633. It was first printed in the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society.††

* Plymouth Colony Records, xii. pp. 5 and 6.

† Hubbard’s *Hist. of New England*, chap. xvi.

‡ Plymouth Colony Records, xii. 12. The list, as it was first made out, contained the name of Robert Hilton, which was afterward stricken out and Bartlet written in its stead.

§ Petition to the General Court. *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, xxxvi., 40.

|| *N.-E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, vii. p. 50.

¶ *N.-E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, xxiv. p. 264.

** 3d Series, vol. ix. p. 262. The original letter was in the possession of the late Hon. Robert C. Winthrop. By his permission a heliotype of it was made. See *N.-E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, for April 1877 (xxx. 180). The superscription, separated in the heliotype from the body of the letter by horizontal lines, is on the back of the original.

†† *Proceedings Mass. Hist. Society*, 2d Series, x., p. 360.

Ser

My duty & respectt remembred to you & to m^s Winthroe these are to serteyffie you y^t after a short yet sumthing a teadeous Jorny it pleased the lord y^t I ariued at my habetatyon the saterday after my departure ffrom you I praise the lord I am in good health wth m^r Leaueridge & the rest of our good ffrends w^h vs Ser I must remaine your debter ffor that kindnes I reseaued ffrom you I pray you remember my dutyfull respectt to your good ffather I am amoungst other his loue & kindnes to mee much bound to him ffor his louing counsell to mee in his last letter ffor the wch I most humbly thanke him Ser presuming vpon y^e goodnes of your loving & kind disposicion make bould to serteyffie you of that wch I apprehend may stand wth y^e good of you & your neighbors wth you seeing the extreordinary conuenience that your plantatyon hath aboue any in this land that I haue seene ffor the keeping of Swine I inquired what quantety of swine were kept there it was answered mee but asmaule quantety & that it was determened that there shuld not many bee kept there in temating y^t it was thought that the plumes & clames might proue agreter beene flit wch cannot bee nor any way the 100 part so benefissiall this winter I haue had the benefitt of 10 hoges eauery hog worth 7 or 8 pounds beauer I was constrayned ye winter was twelue moneth to ffeed them all winter yet it was wth such meate as was not any way costly beeing but huskes of indean corne now the maner of ordering them John maning is able to serteyffie you now ffor the pserung of your Corne ffrom them vntill you can fense your grounds aboute your houses you may set your corne very conuenetly on the oposit side of the riuer & you shall flind y^t if you pracktis the breeding of swine wth the beeneffit of the lland you may wth a smaule charge in short time raise sum hundreded of pounds yerely by them as you may gather by the preportyon of my stocke in that behalffe whoe haue not any such couinecy as you haue Ser I pray you pardon my bouldnes herein ffor my eror herein is out of loue in that I desigre the good of you all both ffor speretual & temporall things I knowe that mens labors cannot bee had at easie rats vntill corne & porke wth the like puison bee plenty if I were wth you I thinke I could answere all your obiecktyons & shoue you a way y^t you might keepe them at an easie rate I am affred I haue bin teadeous vnto you & therefore desighring ye lord to blesse you & yours I humbly rest

Ser m^r Leueridge desigreth to be remembred to you though vnknowne
Your wo^r Asurd to command

WILLI HILTON

To y^e wo^r & his much respectted ffrend m^r John Winthrop gouernor at aguawam giue these

The following letter to Governor Winthrop was also first printed in the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society.*

Pascataque. July y^e 14th. 1637

Ser

My humble duty remembred the bearer hereof beeing Sonne to Passaconaway is in debted vnto m^r Vane. three skines w^{ch} hee desighreth to

* *Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society*, 2d Series, x. p. 360. These letters are now in the possession of Robert C. Winthrop, Esq. The heliotype of the last of these letters has been made for this article with his permission.

pay but hee is affread to come to pay them by reason y^t the Sagamô of Aguawam serteffieth him y^t if hee come in to the bay you will take away his head hee hath desighred mee to write in his bee halffe y^t hee may come & pay his debts & likewise y^t you would bee pleased to bid him welcome & soe desighring y^e lord to blesse you & yours I humbly rest

Your worship^s to comnd
to his poure WILLI. HILTON

Ser this beearer desighreth mee to serteyffie in his beehalffe y^t the Eanglish haue awais bin verry welcome vnto him I am able to testeffie y^t hee hath euer since I knew him bin a verry loving Indean.

To y^e Right wor^{sh} John Winthrop esquire Gouvern of the Masachsets giue these

June 2, 1633, Capt. Walter Neale, as Governor of the plantation of Sir Ferdinando Gorges and Capt. John Mason, granted to Capt. Thomas Cammoke a parcel of land upon the east side of the Piscataqua River, "where William Hilton lately planted corne."* At a court held at Exeter, 4th 10th mo. 1639, it was ordered that "Will. Hilton and goodm. Smart" were to have lots on the other side of the river.† At Exeter, 3d 12th mo. 1640, it was agreed

"That M^r William Hilton is to enjoy those marshes in Oyster River which formerly he had possession of and still are in his possession, and the other marsh which M^r Gibbins doth wrongfully detain from him with the rest of those marshes which formerly he hath made use of so far as they may be for the public good of this plantation: And so much of the upland adjoining to them as shall be thought convenient by the neighborhood of Oyster River, which are belonging to this body."‡

* Loose sheet in unbound or stitched MS. in office of Clerk of Courts, York Co., Me. It is also recorded with York Deeds, Lib. i. 3d part, p. 2, and on the following page there is a confirmation, dated May 1, 1634, by Gorges and Mason.

† N. H. Provincial Papers, i. p. 138.

‡ N. H. Provincial Papers, i. p. 141. For his action of trespass on the case against Ambrose Gibbons for detaining this marsh, see Rockingham Deeds, Lib. i. fol. 7. *Ibid*, fol. 12, is the following entry: "Georg Walton Sumons an aceo debt at Suite of W^m Hilton ordered that ex to be granted p^{sent} for 3^d damag & 16^s Costs. Provided that if M^r Tomkins of norhampton have pd 10^l to m^r Rich: Hilton in Nor^wich then the sd W^m Hilton." The date is either 1642 or 1643, the entry being rather indefinite. When I first examined this record more than twenty years ago, I was in great doubt as to the letters interlined above the caret in the word Nor^wich, and I gave expression to these doubts in a footnote to the article entitled "Some of the Descendants of William Hilton" before mentioned. A careful re-examination made recently by me renders it now certain that the letters so interlined are "th" and that Northwich is meant.

The case was referred to in that article in the hope that it might afford a clue for further investigations. That hope has now been justified, as from certain researches since made by Mr. Henry F. Waters it appears that at Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, England, there is a record of the baptism of "Rich. s. of Rich. Hilton of Northwich in Cheshire aged 1 year ½ coming out of New England. y^e. 16 Aug. 1636."

In Mass. Archives, xxxix. 70-73, is the case of Edward Colcord vs. Nathaniel Boulter, on the following agreement:

"I Nathaniell Boulter doe p'mise to deliver unto m^r Willi: Hilton of Dover halfe a thousand of pipstaves Mareheantable in May next 1645
Nathaniell Boulter.
Witness William ffieild:::
These p'sents Vittnesseth that I Willi: Hilton doe assigne over this bill to Edward Colcord: by mee Will: Hilton."

Among the papers in this case is "The deposico of Willm ffurbur aged about forty yeares who Sworne Saith That Some Certayne yeares Since being in the company of Edward Colcord & Willm Hilton who then lived att York I did then heare willm Hilton Say and

Wassataquet. July 8. 1637

From my humble duty remembered for beaver
your loving - Come to your Passara neway
is in docted unto me, name. Give kinship
you desire not to pay but give it offroad to
come to you from the reason of the Bay
of Aguanam for the first time if you
come in to the bay you will take away the
good. Give you the first part more to work
in the bay galley & you may come again
and do the same. If you would be
pleased to bid him welcome & for the
sipping of land to bless you & your
family rest

Your working to record
to give you with. Gilton

See if beaver do signify more to the people
in the bay galley & for the first time you want
kinship welcome part of the family to help
that of the first time. I know you
in a way loving of the man

to a right point. from
windward of point. to
of the main reef
from the

He was made freeman, May 19, 1642, and had a grant of twenty acres of land in Dover in that year.* At a General Court held at Boston, Sept. 27, 1642,

"It is ordered, that the associats of Pascataque shall have power to try any cause under 20^l, though no other bee sent to them. Willi: Hilton, Willi: Waldⁿ, Edwa: Colcote have authority to end differences under 20sh^s. M^r Francis Williams is ioyned an associate at Pascataq."†

He was deputy from Dover to the General Court at Boston, 1644. He conveyed to Francis Matthews, of Oyster River, 88 acres of land in Oyster River, granted him by the town of Dover, and two parcels of marsh land adjoining.‡ In this deed he styles himself of Dover.

About this time he removed to Kittery Point, as Frances White, wife of Richard White, in a deposition§ taken Feb. 27, 1687-8, says "that about forty sixe years past shee leived in a house at Kittery poynt that stood then between the house that was m^r: Morgans & the house that M^r: Greenland afterward leived in· which house above sayd the depo^t husband William Hilton did hyer of Maior Nicholus shapligh." She must have been a second wife of William Hilton, as she was "adged seaenty years or thereabouts" at the time when this deposition was taken, and could not therefore have been the wife who, with two children, came in the "Anne" to Plymouth in 1623. At a court held at Gorgeana, June 27, 1648, "It is ordered this Court that m^r. William Hilton being lisensed for to keep the ordnary at the mouth of the River of Pascataqua, and that none other shall keep any private ordnary ther, nor to sell Wine beare nor Licker upon any p'tence what so ever under ii gallons by retails: "¶ "It is Ordered this Court that hee that keeps the ordnary is for to keepe a ferry and to have to the great Iland¶ for one vi d if more iii d a peese to Strawbury banck for one xii d if more viii d p man to Dover or Kitterry xviii d for one if more xii d a man."** At a court held at Gorgeana Oct. 16, 1649,

"It is Ordered this court: That ther shall be ahieway cut from the head of Rogers Cove, unto the head of Bray bote harbor & so to the little marsh ner Unto Cap^t Champanownes howse & so to m^r William Hiltons the In habitanice of Gorgeana: to cut: Unto a Cove neare Unto Joⁿ Andrews: and the Inhabitanice of Pascataquacke to cut from W^m Hiltons to

acknowledge that hee had assigned to Edward Colcord a Bill for pipe staves which Nathan-icll Boulter did ow to ye sd willm Hilton wch was about five hundred according to my best remembrance. Deposed the first of the 5 mo: 1659."

* Dover Town Records, Lib. i.

† Records of Mass., ii. p. 31. Also recorded Dover Town Records, Lib. i. fol. 20.

‡ This deed was recorded with Rockingham Deeds, Lib. i. fol. 95, 29th 1 mo. 1653. Its date seems to be 7 July, 1644, altered to 1641, or blotted so as to look like 1641. The same deed is also found in Dover Town Records, where its date is 7 July, 1645.

§ York Court Files.

¶ Page 20, in unbound or stitched MS. in office of Clerk of Courts, York Co., Me.

¶ This seems to be the only authority for Mr. Savage's assertion that he had "control of Great Island."

** Page 21, in unbound or stitched MS. in office of Clerk of Courts, York Co., Me.

that cove, by so many of each towne as they shall thincke fitt; and this to be done by the 30th Octo^r (49).”*

John Treworthie in a deposition† taken Oct. 25, 1650, testifies “that the cellar w^{ch} is at Pascataway now standing neere the house w^{ch} W^m Hilton now lives in, did not any way belong to the land w^{ch} was bought by me for my Grandffather m^r Alexander Shapleigh.” At a court held at Gorgeana, Oct. 15, 1650,

“ffor as much as the house at the Rivers mouth wher m^r Shapleighs ffather first built and m^r William Hilton now dwelleth: In regard it was first house ther bylt, and m^r Shapleigh Intendeth to build and Inlarge it: and for furdur considerations, it is thought fit it should from time to time, be for a house of Entertayment or Ordinary wth this p^{viso} that the Tenant bee such a one as the Inhabitants shall approve of.”‡

June 7, 1651, Mr. Nicholas Shapleigh, of Kittery, leased to Mr. Hugh Gunison, for the term of twenty-one years from that date, “All his Edifices Land & accomodations and Priveledges: Att the poynt wher m^r William Hilton now Dwelleth containyng five Hundred ackers.”§

He thereupon removed to York, and when the Massachusetts Commissioners arrived there to receive the submission of the inhabitants, Nov. 22, 1652, he was one of the fifty persons who acknowledged themselves subject to the Government of the Massachusetts Bay, and took the oath of freeman. At a town meeting held at York about the 8th of December, 1652,

“It is ordered that m^r William Hilton is to have the use of the ferry for the Term of one & twenty years. Lying betwixt the house where he now liveth, and The Town of York: and he is duly to attend the sd Ferry with Cannoes sufficient for the safe transportation both of Strangers & Townsmen if occasion requireth. If time & tydes be Seasonable, he is to pass persons over to & from the Stage Island: If not he is & must provide a Canoo to Lye ready at the point of Land on his own Side the River, upon all Such occasions to transport people without danger. In Consideration whereof the s^d William Hilton is to have allowed him two pence a peice for Every strangers, & four pence apeace for Every beast, or horse which he swimmeth over, or that are Swom by any Strangers themselves, he or his servants being ready to attend, & one penny a time for Every Townsman he fetcheth or carrieth over: unless the sd Inhabitant go over In his own Cannoo, which Liberty remaines to Every Townsman, being made use of to Exempt him or them from the payment of any ferriage.”||

He was one of the Selectmen of York in 1652, 1653 and 1654, and had grants of land from the town, one July 4, 1653, and another June 4, 1654, of twenty acres “next adjoining unto m^r

* Page 6, in unbound or stitched MS. in office of Clerk of Courts, York Co., Me.

† Suffolk Deeds, Lib. i. fol. 128.

‡ Page 16, in unbound or stitched MS. in office of Clerk of Courts, York Co., Me.

§ Loose sheet in unbound or stitched MS. in office of Clerk of Courts, York Co., Me. Recorded also with York Deeds, Lib. i. fol. 15.

|| York Town Records, i. p. 17.

Edward Godfreys house.”* He died 1655 or 1656, and letters of administration on his estate were granted June 30, 1656, to Richard White, who had married Frances, his widow. His children were :

2. WILLIAM,

3. WILLIAM,

and perhaps others.†

2. WILLIAM² HILTON (*William*¹), mariner, came when a child with his mother from London to Plymouth in the “Anne” in 1623, and “in a little tyme following” settled with his father and Edward Hilton on the Piscataqua River. He removed afterward to Newbury, where he had several grants of land, but these grants are scattered through the Town Records, generally without dates, and in utter disregard of chronological order. He was defendant in a suit brought by Thomas Tuck, at a Court held at Salem on the last day of 4th mo. 1640. Dec. 29, 1649, he sold

Wm Hilton

1674.

* York Town Records, i. p. 16.

† The custom of giving two sons the same Christian name was not uncommon in England at this period. There are instances where three brothers bore the same name. In one of the latter cases, cited by Col. Joseph L. Chester in a letter to the writer, they are designated in one document as “John the elder, John the younger, and John the middle.”

John Hilton, of Dover, was, I think, a son of William¹ by his first wife. He was taxed at Dover as early as 1648, and had grants of land there. By deed dated 9 June, 1721 (Rockingham Deeds, Lib. 12, fol. 161), Ann Hilton, widow of William² Hilton, Benjamin Hilton, Samuel Moore and Hannah Hilton, alias Cole, all of York, and Malaehi Edwards and Joseph Day, both of Wells in the county of York, convey to Capt. Thomas Millet of Oyster River, six undivided seventh parts of two grants of land made to John Hilton deceased, at a town meeting held at Dover, 4: 10 mo. 1656. And William² Hilton of Marblehead, mariner, conveys to said Millet the other undivided seventh, by deed dated 5 Sept. 1721, recorded as aforesaid, Lib. 12, fol. 222.

Magdalen, wife of James Wiggin of York, was probably a daughter of William¹ Hilton. At all events, she was a daughter of Frances his wife, possibly by a former husband. She was married to Wiggin prior to 1657.

There was a Mannering or Manning Hilton in York as early as 1667. Administration on his estate was granted 4 July, 1671, to Thomas Moulton, his father-in-law.

The Town Records of York record the birth, 24 Sept. 1691, of a child of Nath'l Adams, by his wife whose maiden name was “Magdelon” Hilton. To this record the Hon. Nathaniel G. Marshall, the late Town Clerk, added that she was the daughter of Manwaren and Mary Hilton. She afterward m. Elias Weare, and again John Webber.

Mannerel or Mannerwell Hilton of York, bachelor, was defendant in suits brought by Joseph Hammond et al., at Court of Common Pleas, held at York 3 July and 2 Oct. 1705, and 2 July, 1706.

Administration on the estate of Robert Hilton of Wells, “who is apprehended to be deceased,” was granted to Mr. Samuel Wheelwright and Francis Littlefield, 29 Sept. 1685. Robert Hilton of Wells, weaver, conveyed land to Jonathan Littlefield of Wells, by deed dated 13 Nov. 1694, recorded with York Deeds, Lib. 13, fol. 275.

A William Hilton, who was, I think, a son of Edward Hilton, Sen., of Exeter, was of Kittery in 1669, in which year he was one of the grand jury. He was constable in 1661, and had a grant of land in Kittery, 17 July, 1661, which was laid out 20 Feb. 1665, “in y^e great Cove below y^e boyling roek.” He was presented by the grand jury to a court held at York, 7 July, 1663, as follows: “Wee P^{sent} William Hilton Constable of Kittery for tearing of a spetiaill warrant, sent by the secretary from Boston to Kittery, for sending a Deputy to the Generall Court.”

John Symmons of Kittery, planter, by deed dated 18: 2 mo. 1667, recorded with York Deeds, Lib. 2, fol. 33, conveys to his son-in-law William Hilton, house and land in Kittery “as a dowry with my daughter Rebeckah now wife unto the s^d William,” in the presence of Fran: Champernowne, Hene: Greenland, Edw: Hilton. He was of Exeter shortly after, and died there about 1690, leaving a widow. Administration on his estate was granted, 9 April, 1694, to Richard Hilton, his eldest son. He is styled Capt. William Hilton in various instruments. Names of such of his children as are known to me were:

i. Richard. ii. John. iii. William.

James, his Indian, to George Carr, in exchange for quarter of a vessel.* "W^m Hilton, Newb." took the oath of freeman, May 18, 1653. His children, born in Newbury, were :

- i. SARAH, b. June, 1641.
- ii. CHARLES, b. July, 1643.
- iii. ANNE, b. Feb. 12, 1648.
- iv. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 6, 1650; m. in Charlestown, Dec. 22, 1673, Timothy Cutler.
- v. WILLIAM, b. June 28, 1653.

He removed shortly after to Charlestown, bought house and land there of Ralph Mousall, Sept. 29, 1655,† and there m. (2) Mehit-able, daughter of Increase Nowell, 16 : 7th mo. 1659.

His petition to the General Court in 1660 for confirmation of a grant of land made to his father and himself in 1636 by Tahanto, Indian Sagamore of Pennacook is in the Suffolk Court Files.‡ The answer of the General Court to this petition is to be found in the Mass. Col. Records, iv. (Pt. 1) 430.§

In the British Museum there is a map entitled "Discouery made by William Hilton of Charles towne In New England Marriner from Cape Hatterask Lat : 35 : 30'. to y^e west of Cape Roman in Lat : 32.30' In y^e yeare 1662 And layd Down in the forme as you see by Nicholas Shapley of the town aforesaid November 1662."||

He was commander of the ship "Adventure" in 1663, and his "Relation of a Discovery lately made on the Coast of Florida"¶ in that year, was printed in London in 1664. He sailed from Spike's Bay, Barbadoes, Aug. 10, 1663, and the expedition was "set forth by several Gentlemen and Merchants of the Island of Barbadoes." In this voyage the Carolina coast was explored and names were given to various localities. One of the rivers was called Hilton's River. Hilton Head, which was occupied by the Federal troops during the Civil War, may have taken its name from this navigator.

In 1671 he was commander of the "Amity," and he brought several passengers in that year from the Island of Barbadoes to Boston.**

He was admitted a member of the church in Charlestown by a letter of dismissal from the church in Newbury, Aug. 14, 1670, and died in Charlestown, 7 : 7th mo. 1675. Administration on his estate was granted 14 : 11th mo. 1675, to his widow Mehitable, who m. Deacon John Cutler, 29 : 8th mo. 1684. His children, by his second wife, all born in Charlestown, were :

- vi. NOWELL, b. May 4, bapt. May 10, 1663. (A mariner, whose

* Records of [Old] Co. of Norfolk at Salem, Lib. 2, fol. 197. *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, xxxi., 333.

† Charlestown Archives, xxxiv.

‡ *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, xxxvi. 40.

§ See also the petition of James Russell, 1685, Mass. Archives, xvi. 364.; *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, xxxi. 194.

|| *Proceedings Mass. Hist. Society*, xx. 402.

¶ Force's *Collection of Historical Tracts*, vol. iv., Washington, 1846. *Year Book of the City of Charleston, S. C.*, 1884.

** Suffolk Deeds, vii. 226.

- will, dated Oct. 6, 1687, was probated Sept. 17, 1689, at Doctors Commons, London.*)
- vii. EDWARD, b. March 3, bapt. March 4, 1666.
 - viii. JOHN, bapt. 24: 3 mo. 1668.
 - ix. RICHARD, b. Sept. 13, bapt. Sept. 18, 1670; m. in Charlestown, Jan. 22, 1711-12, Elizabeth Lord, and died there, Jan. 25, 1720-1.
 - x. CHARLES, b. April 19, bapt. April 27, 1673.

Beside the children above named, he had others, for Mehitable Cutler, then widow of Lieut. John Cutler, in her will, dated Dec. 8, 1709, probated Oct. 22, 1711, makes her two sons, John and Richard Hilton, residuary legatees and executors, on condition that they maintain their brother Samuel Hilton. Mary Hilton, who married William Marshall, in Charlestown, 2: 8th mo. 1666, was another daughter of William Hilton.†

3. WILLIAM² HILTON (*William*¹), of York, mariner, was the son of the William first above named, as appears from the following deposition :

"The Deposition of Major John Davess aged 70 years, or y^r abouts, & Cap^t Charles F[rost] aged 52 years or there abouts, these Deponents respectively testify, & Say y^t Willia[m] Hilton now resident in yorke, in the province of Mayne, was Comonly known, & [repu]ted, to bee y^e sonn of William Hilton Senior deceased, & formerly lived in Yorke abo[ve] on y^t Tract of Land, y^t lyeth on the South, or South West side of y^e River [] yorke over against the fishing flakes, & next the Ferry, & further Sayth no[t]

Taken upon oath in Court this 30th of May 1683: p Edw: Rishw[orth] Recor."‡

He had a grant of land from the town, Aug. 25, 1679, and another, which bears no date, "upon the neck of Land on the South Side of York River, between Arthur Bales Land, & major Shapleighs, and James Wiggens & William mores Land, & the Land that was formerly m^r William Hiltons, provided it be fr̄e from any mans propriety or former grant."§ He was one of the forty-six men who took the oath of allegiance to the King, March 22, 1680. Another grant of land was made to him, March 18, 1695-6. He died between March, 1699, and June, 1700, leaving a widow Ann|| and children :

* *N.-E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, xxxii. 50.

† Thomas Seers and Mary Hilton, alias Downer, were m. in Newbury, 11 Dec. 1656. Jonathan Woodman and Hanna Hilton were m. in Newbury, July 2, 1668. Sara Hilton was one of the witnesses to a deed from William Sawyer to Thomas Seares, of land in Newbury, dated March 24, 1648. (Town Records, I. p. 37.) John Hilton seems to have been taxed in Newbury 1652 (Town Records, I. p. 103), unless there is an error in the record.

‡ York Deeds, Lib. 3, fol. 125.

§ York Town Records, I. p. 73.

|| Her maiden name may have been Beale, for William Hilton, by deed dated March 5, 1681, recorded with York Deeds, Lib. 7, fol. 194, conveys the above described land granted him by the Town of York, to his loving brother, Arthur Beale. Beale may, however, have married a sister of William Hilton.

4. i. WILLIAM.
- ii. HANNAH, m. (1) about 1708, John Cole. He d. about 1712 or 1713, and she m. (2) Mark Shepard.
5. iii. BENJAMIN.
- iv. DORCAS, m. Samuel Moor.

And probably others.

4. WILLIAM³ HILTON (*William*,² *William*¹), b. about 1678, probably in York; m. in Marblehead, June 2, 1699, Margaret Stilson, daughter of James and Margaret Stilson.* He had a grant of thirty acres of land in York, Feb. 17, 1702-3, which, with ten acres more, formerly granted to his father (Aug. 25, 1679), were laid out to him, Feb. 24, 1702-3. He had another grant of thirty acres at the head of Bradbote, Broadbote, or Braveboat, Harbor, March 17, 1702-3, laid out to him, March 20, 1702-3. His pursuit and recovery of a sloop stolen out of the harbor of York, Nov. 8, 1711, by a Frenchman and three Indians, and the proceedings relating thereto, may be found in the Council Records. He is there styled Ensign William Hilton of York.† He conveyed to Joseph Houlst, by deed dated June 4, 1711, recorded with York Deeds, Lib. 7, fol. 196, the land last granted him by the Town. In this deed he styles himself of York, fisherman.

William Hilton

1711.

* John Brown, son of Richard Brown, of Barton Regis, co. Gloucester, England, m. Margaret, dau. of Francis Hayward, of Bristol, England, and settled at Pemaquid, at the head of New Harbor, in what is now the town of Bristol in the County of Lincoln, Maine. By deed dated July 15, 1625, Somerset, or Samoset, and Unnongoit, Indian Sagamores, conveyed to him a tract of land embracing a large part of the present County of Lincoln, and including Muscongus Island. He had a son John and daughters: Margaret, who m. Alexander, or Sander Gould; Elizabeth, who m. Richard Peirce, son of John Peirce; and Emma, who m. Nicholas Deming.

Alexander and Margaret Gould had three daughters, one of whom, Margaret, b. in New Harbor about 1659, m. (1) James Stilson, by whom she had children: Margaret Stilson, above named, b. about 1679; James Stilson; a daughter whose name is not known, and perhaps others. [The records of the First Church of Marblehead, Mass., show the admission of Margaret Stilson, April 18, 1686. May 2, 1686, Margaret Stilson was baptized, and, May 16, 1686, Margaret, James, Mary and John, children of Margaret Stilson, were baptized. Margaret Stilson, *innuba*, was one of "the children of the Church, who being growne up did personally owne the Covenant of their Parents, & by their owne act entred themselves in this society," July 26, 1696, "being of age so to doe."]

About the year 1686, 1687 or 1688, James Stilson, the father, while crossing the water at Muscongus in a canoe, was fired upon and killed by the Indians, who took his youngest daughter, a sucking baby, from her mother's breast, burned it in the fire and carried the mother and the other two children captives to Canada. In Mass. Archives, xxxviii. A. 2, in a list of "Names of English Captives Redeemed from Qubek by math^w Cary in octbr (95)," is that of "m^{rs} Mar^t Stilson Pemequid." In the following list of "Names of thos Remaining Still in hands of the french at Canada," are those of "Jam^s Stiltson [*sic*] boy Pemiquid" and "mary: [*sic*] Stilson gerll pemquid." Mary is undoubtedly a mistake for Margaret. These lists were printed in the *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, vi. p. 87, the name of the boy being misprinted Stilton. After her release from captivity, Margaret Stilson, the mother, m. (2), in Marblehead, March 30, 1696, Thomas Pitman, who was admitted a member of the church in Marblehead, Feb. 4 or 6, 1686, and who died, 4 mo, 1736, aged 94. She died 11 mo, 1750, aged 92.

James Stilson, the son, and his sister Margaret were afterward ransomed. He removed to Newcastle and Portsmouth, N. H., and she m. June 2, 1699, William Hilton, as above set forth. The depositions hereinafter referred to, with characteristic inaccuracy, state that she remained six years in captivity after the release of her mother, and twelve years in all.

† Mass. Council Records, iv. 469, 540. *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, xxxiv. 203, 204. Suffolk Court Files, lxxxv., 1-3.

He already had a dwelling-house in Manchester, Mass., at Black Cove, in that part of the town called Newport, when he bought land there of Philip Nichols, Nov. 22, 1709 (Essex Deeds, Lib. 23, fol. 268). He bought other land adjoining, of John Seward, Sept. 30, 1714 (Essex Deeds, Lib. 27, fol. 63). In these deeds he is styled of Manchester, fisherman and coaster.

He had a dwelling-house at Muscongus, when he bought lands there of Richard Peirce, by deed dated Feb. 1, 1719-20 (Essex Deeds, Lib. 39, fol. 70.) But little reliance can be placed on the recitals in the numerous deeds in which he appears as grantor or grantee, for in these he is styled sometimes of York, and sometimes of Manchester, Marblehead and Muscongus, his occupation being that of mariner, coaster and fisherman. He evidently occupied lands at Muscongus, which he held in the right of his wife Margaret, and lands which he himself bought of Cæsar Moxis and Gustin, Indian Sagamores (by deeds dated June 5, 1718, and Oct. 25, 1719, Essex Deeds, Lib. 39, fols. 87, 88), but whether he was an actual resident, or only lived there during the fishing season in each year, is a matter of some doubt. He seems to have been extensively engaged in the fisheries and coasting trade at Muscongus, making great improvements, and having a large stock of cattle.

At a town meeting in Manchester, Dec. 1, 1715, he was made one of a committee to procure a minister to preach the gospel, and March 12, 1715-16, was chosen one of the selectmen of Manchester. His name appears on the tax list of Manchester for the years 1717 and 1718, and in the former year he was one of the tything-men, and in the latter, one of the "Chowerds and feld Drivers." His wife was admitted a member of the church in Manchester, May 26, 1717. June 11, 1719, the town laid out a highway from Black Cove, near Hilton's swamp and garden. In the claim entered by Margaret Hilton, Dec. 1, 1720, in the Book of Eastern Claims in the Secretary's office, Boston, she styles herself the wife of William Hilton now living at Muscongus. But if he had any intention of permanently settling there, the outbreak of hostilities with the Indians compelled him to change his purpose. In the journal of the Rev. Joseph Baxter, missionary to the Eastern Indians, is the following:

"The next Day which was Saturday, Aug: 12 [1721], we had a good wind, and towards night we arrived at Casco-Bay, where we met with M^r Hilton, of Muscongus in a small vessel with his cattle and Hogs on board, removing to y^e westward, who informed us y^t all the People were gone from Muscongus upon y^e rumours they had heard about the Indians."*

He took part in several expeditions against the Eastern Indians. Lt. Gov. Dummer in a letter to Col. Thomas Westbrook acknowledges the receipt of a letter from Col. Westbrook dated Hampton, Jan. 22, 1722-3 "inclosing Lieu^t Hilton's Journal." Col. West-

* *N.-E. Hist. and Gen Register*, xxi. p. 55.

brook in a letter to Lt. Gov. Dummer dated St. Georges, March 23, 1722-3, says: "Lievt Hilton has been Ill all this March and is now grown So weak that I am obliged to give him a furlow home, and at his request Given y^e Charge of his men to Lievt John March."* He died June 21, 1723, and administration on his estate was granted to his widow Margaret, the date of his death being set forth in the inventory. At meetings of the Council, July 2 and Sept. 21, 1723, it was advised and consented that there should be paid "To the Officers & Soldiers in the Muster Roll of William Hilton Lieut^t. deceased," and "To the Heirs, Executors or Administrators of Lieut^t. W^m. Hilton dec^d. and y^e Compⁿ. in His Majestys Service Eastward late under his Comand" £. 290: 3: 8 and £. 647: 9, to discharge the Muster Roll.†

He was buried in the old burial ground in Manchester, and his gravestone bears this inscription:‡

Here lyeth the
body of lifnt
William Hilton
Who died June
Y^e 21st 1723 aged
45 years.

His widow married in Manchester, Dec. 8, 1727, John Allen,§ who died about 1737, and died a widow in Manchester, Nov. 1763, aged 84 years.|| Children of William and Margaret:

- i. ELIZABETH, bapt. in Marblehead, Dec. 8, 1700: m. (1) John Knowlton (*published* in Manchester, Oct. 18, 1719); m. (2) in Manchester, Nov. 6, 1729, John Hassam¶; m. (3) in Wenham, Nov. 20, 1744, John Day, Sr., of Manchester; and d. a widow in Manchester about 1792.
6. ii. STILSON.
- iii. MARY, bapt. in Marblehead, April 16, 1704; m. (1) Samuel Woodbury (*published* in Manchester, Oct. 18, 1719); m. (2) in Manchester, April 15, 1723, Benjamin Presson.
- iv. MARGARET, bapt. in Marblehead, May 26, 1706; m. in Manchester, Nov. 12, 1724, Josiah Allen.**

* Mass. Archives, li. 368-9, 376-7. Letters of Col. Thomas Westbrook and others, printed by Wm. B. Trask, in *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, xliv. 27, 28, 32.

† Mass. Council Records, vi. 493, 530. *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, xxxiv. 203.

‡ At the foot of the grave is another gravestone, erected about sixty years ago by the late Capt. Amos Hilton, which bears what was intended to be a copy of the above inscription, which had become almost illegible from long exposure to the weather. By a mistake of the stone-cutter, however, the date of death is given June 23, 1723.

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|| Aged 88 or 89, according to a copy of the entry in the Church Records, sent me by John Lee, Esq., for many years Town Clerk of Manchester. Hannah Tewksbury, in a deposition hereinafter referred to, which is probably more correct, gives the age as 84 years.

¶ *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, xxiv. p. 414, and xliii. 320.

Notes and Queries concerning the Hassam and Hilton Families. Boston: David Clapp & Son. 1880. Privately printed.

The Hassam Family. Boston: David Clapp & Son. 1896. Privately printed.

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7. v. JOSHUA, bapt. in Marblehead, March 14, 1707-8.
8. vi. WILLIAM.
9. vii. SAMUEL, b. in Manchester, May 16, 1713; bapt. in Marblehead, Aug. 9, 1713.
- viii. THOMAS, bapt. in Marblehead, Aug. 14, 1715.
10. ix. BENJAMIN, b. in Manchester, Aug. 27, 1717; bapt. in Manchester, Sept. 1, 1717.
11. x. AMOS, bapt. in Marblehead, March 12, 1720-21. [The record erroneously gives the name of the mother as Mary.]

5. BENJAMIN³ HILTON (*William*,² *William*¹) of York, had grant of land there, March 23, 1712-13. By his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Crocket, of Kittery, he had children, all born in York:

- i. JOSHUA, b. April 12, 1714.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 5, 1717.
- iii. SARAH, b. April 18, 1720.
- iv. MARY, b. Oct. 5, 1722.
- v. WILLIAM, b. Nov. 11, 1724.
- vi. BENJAMIN, b. March 9, 1726-7.

6. STILSON⁴ HILTON (*William*,³ *William*,² *William*¹). According to the Marblehead records, *Stephen* Hilton and Hannah Severy were m. Feb. 7, 1721. This is undoubtedly a mistake for *Stilson* Hilton, who had a wife Hannah. Stilson and Hannah Hilton became members of the first church in Marblehead, July 14, 1723. She was admitted to full communion with the church in Manchester, Mass., March 26, 1738. He died about 1741. His widow married in Manchester, Jan. 7, 1762, Richard Day. Children of Stilson and Hannah were:

12. i. STILSON, bapt. in Marblehead, July 4, 1725.
- ii. HANNAH, bapt. in Marblehead, March 24, 1727-8.
- iii. ELIZABETH, bapt. in Marblehead, Sept. 14, 1729; m. in Manchester, May 14, 1749, John Tewksbury.
13. iv. THOMAS, b. in Manchester, July 15, 1733.
- v. HANNAH, b. in Manchester, Jan. 6, 1735-6; bapt. there, Jan. 11, 1736; m. Jan. 24, 1757, Jacob Tewksbury.
14. vi. AMOS, b. in Manchester, Dec. 27, 1738; bapt. Dec. 31, 1738.
15. vii. SAMUEL, b. in Manchester, Oct. 7, 1741; bapt. Oct. 11, 1741.

7. JOSHUA⁴ HILTON (*William*,³ *William*,² *William*¹), m. in Manchester, Mass., May 1, 1732, Miriam Haskell. Children, both born in Manchester, were:

- i. WILLIAM, b. April 14, 1733.
- ii. JOHN, b. Dec. 29, 1734.

His name is found as Joshua Hilton of Sheepscott, Maine, among the grantors, in a deed from Stilson Hilton et al. to Elizabeth Day, widow, dated July 1, 1765 (Essex Deeds, Lib. 121, fol. 159), but the deed does not bear his signature.

8. WILLIAM⁴ HILTON (*William*,³ *William*,² *William*¹), m. in Manchester, Mass., Dec. 1, 1731, Mary Lee. Names of such of their children as were born in Manchester, were:

- i. MARY, b. Aug. 26, bapt. 27, 1732.
- ii. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 29, 1734, bapt. Jan. 5, 1734-5.
- iii. JAMES, b. June 27, bapt. July 10, 1737.
- iv. RICHARD, b. Sept. 1 [?], bapt. Oct. 7, 1739.
- v. ANNA, b. Dec. 12, bapt. 13, 1741.

He removed, probably after the fall of Louisbourg, with his wife and children, to Muscongus, and settled at Broad Cove,* on lands belonging to his parents.† There he lived until the summer of 1758, when, in going by water from Round Pond towards Broad Cove, with three of his sons, William, Richard and John, the Indians fired upon them, killed and scalped William the son, mortally wounded the father, and slightly wounded Richard. John, said to have been then a lad of about seventeen years, returned the fire and drove the Indians back, so that the survivors had time to make good their retreat to Round Pond, where William,⁴ the father, was buried.

From the depositions and other papers in support of the claim of the Hilton heirs, below referred to, it appears that the children, born after he left Manchester, were as follows:

- vi. JOHN (whose only daughter m. Thomas Hilton).

* *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, xlv. 120.

† The deed from the Sagamores Samoset and Unnongoit to John Brown, dated July 15, 1625, is said to be the first deed of conveyance of American soil. It was recorded, Dec. 26, 1720, at the request of James Stilson and his sister Margaret Hilton, in a Book of Records of Eastern Lands. This Book was destroyed by fire when the Town House in Boston was burned, Dec. 9, 1747. Two attested copies of the deed, however, have been found, one of them recorded with York Deeds, Lib. 21, fol. 116, and the other with Lincoln Deeds, Lib. 74, fol. 6. This deed is printed in Johnston's *Hist. of Bristol and Bremen and Pemaquid*. A tract of land eight miles square, being part of the land described in this deed, was conveyed by Brown, by deed dated Aug. 8, 1660 (attested copies of which are recorded with Lincoln Deeds, Lib. 74, fol. 7, and York Deeds, Lib. 21, fol. 116), to his daughter Margaret Gould, and her husband Alexander Gould, and to the heirs of her body. Their daughter Margaret, then wife of Thomas Pitman, by deed dated Dec. 27, 1720 (York Deeds, Lib. 15, fol. 233), conveyed the same to her son James Stilson and her daughter Margaret, then wife of William³ Hilton. It was this land and that which he bought of Cæsar Moxis and Gustin, Indian Sagamores, from which William³ Hilton was driven by the Indians in 1721. During his life time, William⁴ Hilton seems to have held these lands against all comers, but after his death, and the end of the war, particularly in the years 1761, 1762 and 1763, settlers crowded in from every side, some claiming title under heirs of Brown, others with no color or pretence, but by simple force, and gradually, piece by piece, dispossessed the legal owners and reduced them to a very small part of their ancestral estate. The heirs of William³ and Margaret Hilton made several efforts to recover the land, of which they had thus been disseized, both before, and immediately after, the Revolutionary war, but the troubles of the times prevented anything from being done. The last attempt was made before the Commissioners appointed by the Governor of Massachusetts, to hear and determine the rights and titles of the non-resident claimants to lands within the County of Lincoln, in opposition to the rights, titles and claims of the Commonwealth and those of the resident settlers thereupon. The Commissioners reported, Jan. 26, 1813, adversely to the claimants. Copies of the depositions of Richard Hilton, Margaret Pitman, Hannah Tewksbury, Richard Peirce, Elizabeth Crafts, Samuel Allen, Aaron Lee and others, the petition of the Hilton heirs, statement of case and other papers used in the hearings before the Commissioners, were some of them bought at an auction sale in Boston, about forty years ago, by Charles H. Morse, Esq., of Cambridge, Mass., afterward of Washington, D.C., from whom they passed into the possession of the Maine Historical Society, and some were found among the papers of the late Capt. Amos Hilton. An account of this and other claims of land may be found in Johnston's *Hist. of Bristol and Bremen and Pemaquid*.

- vii. EBENEZER (d. when 4 years of age).
- viii. RUTH (m. Enoch Avery, and afterward Samuel Waters, Esq.).
- ix. ELIZABETH (bapt. in Manchester, Aug. 12, 1750, as daughter of "Will-m Hilton & mary of Broad Bay;" m. David Avery, and afterward Ephraim Brown).
- x. JOSEPH (settled in New Milford).
- xi. MATHIAS (d. very young).

From the same source, it appears that Mary⁵, above named, the eldest daughter, married Matchlove, and died without issue; that William,⁵ who was killed as above described, left one child, who was drowned when very young; that Anna⁵ married John McCurda; and that James⁵ had a wife Sarah and children Mary (m. Jonathan Merritt), William, John, James, Jenny (m. Jonathan Peaslee), Peggy (m. Abram Hilton), Joshua, Joseph, Elizabeth (m. Thomas McCurda), Sally (m. Israel Woodbury), Susannah (m. Joseph Linscott), Lydia (m. Benjamin Hilton), and Nancy (m. John Lynn). But it would exceed the limits prescribed for this article to follow this branch of the family further.

9. SAMUEL⁴ HILTON (*William*,³ *William*,² *William*,¹), b. in Manchester, May 16, 1713; m. (1) in Beverly, April 12, 1733, Eleanor Griggs, daughter of Jacob Griggs of Salem, removed to Marblehead and afterward to Boston. He had house and land in Boston on a 35f. street, now Pleasant Street.* Child of Samuel and Eleanor was:

- i. SARAH, b. in Boston, June 6, 1734; m. in Lunenburg, June 21, 1753, Abner Whitney, of District Shirley.

He m. (2) in Newton, Mass., April 17, 1735, Sarah Clark of Newton, and afterward removed there, and subsequently to Lunenburg, where he died March 21, 1756. She died Feb. 2, 1792. Children of Samuel and Sarah were:

- ii. SAMUEL, b. in Boston, Nov. 6, 1736.
- 16. iii. SAMUEL, b. in Newton, Jan. 4, 1738-9.
- iv. HANNAH, b. in Newton, March 21, 1740-41; d. May 2, 1741.
- v. WILLIAM, b. in Newton, June 21, 1742.
- vi. HANNAH, b. in Newton, Aug. 16, 1744.
- vii. MARY, b. in Newton, Jan. 20, 1746-7.
- viii. ELIZABETH, b. in Newton, Dec. 20, 1749; m. April 6, 1783, John Fitzgerald.
- ix. THOMAS, b. in Lunenburg, June 14, 1752.
- x. DAVID, b. in Lunenburg, April 12, 1752 [?]; bapt. April 27, 1755.

10. BENJAMIN⁴ HILTON (*William*,³ *William*,² *William*,¹) b. in Manchester, Aug. 27, 1717; m. there, Jan. 9, 1737-8, Miriam Badcock, and was "killed by the French,"† 1746 or 1747. His

* Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 53, fol. 140; Lib. 68, fol. 59 and fol. 61.

† Deposition of Richard Hilton.

widow married in Manchester, Aug. 1, 1771, John Morse, of Beverly. Children of Benjamin and Miriam, all born in Manchester, were :

- i. MIRIAM, b. Dec. 19, 1738 ; m. May 27, 1756, Paul Leach, Jr.
- ii. MARGARET, b. July 11, 1740 ; m. March 29, 1765, Charles Hill.
- 17. iii. BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 6, 1743-4.
- iv. ELIZABETH, a posthumous daughter, b. June 6, bapt. June 7, 1747 ; m. in Beverly, April 26, 1765, Joseph Foster, Jr., of Beverly.

11. AMOS⁴ HILTON, (*William*,³ *William*,² *William*¹) mariner, bapt. in Marblehead, March 12, 1720-21 ; m. in Manchester, Mass., July 17, 1740, Elizabeth, daughter of Nathaniel Lee, and was "killed by the Indians."*

Administration on his estate was granted, Aug. 20, 1744,

to his widow Elizabeth, who m. (2) Joseph Hill, July 16, 1746, and (3), Oct. 10, 1752, in Manchester, Nathaniel Rogers of Wenham. Children of Amos and Elizabeth, both born in Manchester, were :

- 18. i. AMOS, b. Oct. 26, 1741.
- 19. ii. NATHANIEL, b. July 8, 1744.

12. STILSON⁵ HILTON (*Stilson*,⁴ *William*,³ *William*,² *William*¹), mariner, bapt. in Marblehead, July 4, 1725 ; m. in Manchester, Mass., July 23, 1747, Margaret Allen, daughter of Josiah Allen.† A Stilson Hilton (probably this Stilson) was a private in Capt. Joseph Whipple's company‡ raised for the defence of the seacoast in the County of Essex, July 13-Dec. 31, 1775, and was one of the American prisoners of war exchanged at Halifax, June 28, 1777, having been taken in the "Washington" privateer.§ He died in Manchester, Dec. 29, 1795. She died a widow, Sept. 7, 1799. Their children, all born in Manchester, were :

- i. MARGARET, b. Jan. 1, 1748-9 ; d. April 29, 1750.
- 20. ii. STILSON, b. March 2, 1750-51.
- iii. JACOB, b. Aug. 12, 1753 ; d. 1781.
- iv. MARGARET, b. July 22, 1755 ; d. May, 1759.
- v. MARY, bapt. July 24, 1757 ; d. July, 1759.
- vi. THOMAS, b. April 27, 1759 ; d. June, 1771.
- vii. HANNAH, b. March 8, 1761 ; m. July 17, 1783, William Dow.
- viii. MARGARET, b. July 27, 1763 ; d. June, 1765.

13. THOMAS⁵ HILTON (*Stilson*,⁴ *William*,³ *William*,² *William*¹), mariner, born in Manchester, Mass., July 15, 1733 ; m. in Manchester, Dec. 9, 1755, Susanna Lee, and died in France

* Deposition of Richard Hilton and unvarying family tradition.

† *Genealogy of the Allen Family*. Hist. Coll. Essex Inst. xxiv. 231.

‡ Muster Rolls.

about 1758. His widow died in Manchester, Oct. 17, 1805, aged 71 years. Child:

- i. SUSANNAH, b. in Manchester, Aug. 3, 1757; m. Sept. 26, 1776, Ezekiel Leach, and d. Aug. 2, 1792.

14. AMOS⁵ HILTON (*Stilson*⁴, *William*,³ *William*,² *William*¹), b. in Manchester, Mass., Dec. 27, 1738; m. there, Aug. 5, 1762, Mary Lee. Names of such of their children as were born in Manchester, were:

- i. MOLLY, b. Feb. 17, 1764.
- ii. THOMAS, b. Nov. 8, 1765.
- iii. AMOS, b. June 30, 1767.

He removed, probably before the Revolutionary war, to Nova Scotia, where his descendants are still numerous. Two of his children were living as late as 1869. Nathan Hilton, Esq., of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, has collected much information as to this branch of the family.

15. SAMUEL⁵ HILTON (*Stilson*,⁴ *William*,³ *William*,² *William*¹), b. in Manchester, Mass., Oct. 7, 1741, was in Col. William Allen's regiment, and afterward in Capt. Andrew Gidding's company, Col. Jonathan Bagley's regiment, of Provincial troops, raised for the invasion of Canada, 1759.* He m. about 1761, Judith Carter, of Gloucester (*published* April 29, 1761). Child:

- i. SAMUEL, b. in Manchester, March 19, 1762.

His name is found, as Samuel Hilton of Sheepscott, Maine, among the grantors in a deed from Stilson Hilton et al., to Elizabeth Day, widow, dated July 1, 1765, Essex Deeds, Lib. 121, fol. 159, but the deed does not bear his signature.

16. SAMUEL⁵ HILTON (*Samuel*,⁴ *William*,³ *William*,² *William*¹), b. in Newton, Mass., Jan. 4, 1738-9; m. in Lunenburg, Nov. 17, 1763, Rebecca Stickney, and died there, Jan. 15, 1823. She died July 1, 1818. Children:

- i. SARAH, b. in Lunenburg, March 1, 1768; m. in Lunenburg, Dec. 27, 1787, Solomon Green, of Jaffrey.
 - ii. REBECCA, b. in Lunenburg, Nov. 14, 1770; m. in Lunenburg, May 31, 1798, Stephen Nichols, of Westford.
 - iii. SAMUEL, bapt. in private, Aug. 14, 1773; d. Jan. 1774.
21. iv. SAMUEL, b. in Lunenburg, Jan. 19, 1775.

17. BENJAMIN⁵ HILTON (*Benjamin*,⁴ *William*,³ *William*,² *William*¹), mariner, b. in Manchester, Mass., Feb. 6, 1743-4; m. Jan. 20, 1767, Judith Searl, and was lost at sea about 1772, coming from the West Indies. Child:

22. i. BENJAMIN, b. in Manchester, Dec. 26, 1771.

18. AMOS⁵ HILTON (*Amos*,⁴ *William*,³ *William*,² *William*¹), master mariner, b. in Manchester, Mass., Oct. 26, 1741, was in Capt. Fuller's company of Col. Bagley's regiment, in the expedition to Lake George, 1758, and at Louisbourg in 1759 and 1760, in Capt. Andrew Gidding's company of Col. *Amos Hilton* Jonathan Bagley's regiment of Provincial troops.* He m. in Beverly, Nov. 16, 1762, Apphia Brown, and was lost at sea about 1783. Administration on his estate was granted to his widow, May 6, 1788. She died a widow in Manchester, July 25, 1815, aged 76. Children:

23. i. AMOS, b. in Beverly, April 6, 1764.
- ii. JOSEPH, b. in Beverly, July 1, 1767.
- iii. MARY, m. (1) in Manchester, April 19, 1796, George Cross, Jr.; m. (2) — Nourse, and died a widow in Manchester, Jan. 29, 1863, aged 92 years and 8 mos.
- iv. ELIZABETH, b. in Manchester, April 15, 1770; m. Sept. 7, 1788, George Cross [Jr.], and died Aug. 12, 1789.
- v. NATHAN, b. in Manchester, Nov. 16, 1773.
- vi. APPIHA, b. in Manchester, May 24, 1775; m. (1) July 4, 1793, Nehemiah Driver; m. (2) about 1805, Charles Adams, of Beverly.
- vii. HANNAH, b. in Manchester, May 14, 1778; m. (1) March 15, 1798, George Norton; m. (2) about 1804, Thomas Leach.
- viii. PEGGY, m. Jan. 16, 1801, William Girdler, and d. a widow in Beverly, Dec. 14, 1861, aged 79 years 11 mos.
- ix. WILLIAM, b. in Manchester, June 1, 1783.

19. NATHANIEL⁵ HILTON (*Amos*,⁴ *William*,³ *William*,² *William*¹), b. in Manchester, Mass., July 8, 1744; had a wife Martha, who died a widow in Manchester, Oct. 30, 1839, aged 90 years, and children, all born in Manchester:

- i. NATHANIEL, b. Aug. 23, 1768; d. Oct. 7, 1768.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 25, 1769; m. June 30, 1789, Benjamin Crombie.
24. iii. NATHANIEL ROGERS, b. Feb. 17, 1774.
- iv. THOMAS, b. April 1, 1777; bapt. April 6, 1777 (as son of Thomas [?] and Martha); d. April 7, 1777, or April 3, 1778.
- v. PATTY, b. June 26, 1782; d. Feb. 14, 1784. (Bapt. according to church records, July 2, 1781, and died Feb. 14, 1783).
- vi. THOMAS, b. Aug. 22, 1784; d. Nov. 21, 1801.
- vii. PATTY, b. Aug. 8, 1787; m. Nov. 28, 1805, John Orsment Morgan.
- viii. SUSANNAH, b. June 4, 1791; m. Dec. 27, 1815, Jacob Morgan.

20. STILSON⁶ HILTON (*Stilson*,⁵ *Stilson*,⁴ *William*,³ *William*,² *William*¹), b. in Manchester, Mass., March 2, 1750-51; m. Jan. 25, 1774, Lois Tewxbury, daughter of John Tewxbury.

* Muster Rolls. Journal of Gibson Clough, printed in Hist. Coll. of Essex Institute, iii. 199, 201.

He was mate of the "Liverpool" sloop, privateer,* 1780, and died March 5, 1829. His wife died April 17, 1825, aged about 70 years. The date of his death and that of four of his children are not found in the Town Records, but are taken from an old family bible in the possession of one of his descendants. Children, all born in Manchester, were :

- i. BETTY, b. Dec. 16, 1776; d. March 24, 1818.
- ii. LOIS, b. May 14, 1781; m. (1) Oct. 4, 1829, Nehemiah Abbott; m. (2) Benjamin Crombie, and died a widow, Jan. 26, 1864.
- iii. MOLLY, b. Sept. 4, 1784; d. Jan. 22, 1807.
- iv. MARGARET, b. Sept. 26, 1788; d. Feb. 24, 1829.
- v. SARAH, b. Nov. 3, 1791; d. Dec. 21, 1826.
- vi. HANNAH, b. May 28, 1793; d. July 9, 1828.

21. SAMUEL⁶ HILTON (*Samuel*,⁵ *Samuel*,⁴ *William*,³ *William*,² *William*¹), b. in Lunenburg, Jan. 19, 1775; m. (1) in Westford, Feb. 20, 1801, Nancy Brooks, of Westford. She died May 17, 1808, and he m. (2) June 30, 1813, Mary Barrett. They removed to Temple, Me.,† where they died about . Children, all by his first wife, and all born in Lunenburg, were :

- i. NANCY, b. Sept. 26, 1801; m. Stephen Norman Nichols.
- ii. MARY, b. July 4, 1803; m. Thomas Spaulding.
- iii. SAMUEL, b. May 18, 1805; (m. 15 March, 1832, Mary Chandler, and after the birth of one child, Mary B., b. Aug. 29, 1832, removed to Temple, Me.†)
- iv. SOPHIA, b. May 9, 1807; m. Nov. 30, 1829, Hilliard E. Woodward, of Chelmsford.

22. BENJAMIN⁶ HILTON (*Benjamin*,⁵ *Benjamin*,⁴ *William*,³ *William*,² *William*¹), b. in Manchester, Mass., Dec. 26, 1771; m. in Beverly, June 1, 1794, Elizabeth Morse, daughter of William Morse. Administration on his estate was granted June 5, 1810, to Mrs. Judith Hilton, probably his mother. Children of Benjamin and Elizabeth, both born in Beverly, were :

- i. ELIZABETH, b. July 8, 1797; m. in Beverly, April 5, 1814, Joseph Russell, of Manchester, and d. in Beverly, March 9, 1860.
- ii. JUDITH, b. Sept. 16, 1799; d. Sept. 19, 1801.

23. AMOS⁶ HILTON (*Amos*,⁵ *Amos*,⁴ *William*,³ *William*², *William*¹), master mariner, b. in Beverly, April 6, 1764; m. in Manchester, Mass., Dec. 15, 1785, Nabby Ober, and was lost at sea about 1796. Administration on his estate was granted, Feb. 7, 1803, to Nabby Hilton his widow, who m. in Manchester, Mass., Feb. 22, 1803, Asa Herrick, of Concord, N. H., and died in Concord, N. H.,

Amos Hilton

Port Louis, Isle of France, Nov. 22, 1789.

* Muster Rolls.

† This statement is made on the authority of a manuscript entitled "Genealogies of

March 11, 1841. Children of Amos and Nabby, all born in Manchester, Mass., were :

25. i. AMOS, b. March 26, 1786.
- ii. NABBY, b. Feb. 8, 1788; m. in Concord, N. H., about 1813, Isaac Long, of Hopkinton, N. H., and d. in Concord, N. H., July 20, 1870.
- iii. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 30, 1791; d. Feb. 11, 1792.
- iv. ISRAEL OBER, b. June 27, 1793; d. in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1813.

24. NATHANIEL ROGERS⁶ HILTON (*Nathaniel*,⁵ *Amos*,⁴ *William*,³ *William*,² *William*¹), usually called Nathaniel Hilton, Jr., b. in Manchester, Mass., Feb. 17, 1774; m. there, Nov. 9, 1797, Patty Crombie, and died about 1804. His widow m. Oct. 31, 1805, Capt. Joseph Porter, and died a widow, in that part of Malden which is now Everett, June 10, 1865, aged about 90 years. Child of Nathaniel and Patty :

- i. CHARLOTA, b. in Manchester, July 20, 1798; m. in Charlestown, (1) John Gurney, May 16, 1819; (2) Samuel S. Sargent, April 10, 1828; and d. a widow in Everett, Mass., July 14, 1873.

25. AMOS⁷ HILTON (*Amos*,⁶ *Amos*,⁵ *Amos*,⁴ *William*,³ *William*,² *William*¹), master mariner, b. in Manchester, Mass., March 26, 1786; m. July 3, 1808, Hannah Leach, daughter of Ezekiel Leach, and died in Boston, Nov. 24, 1850. She died a widow, in Boston, Jan. 2, 1864, aged about 75. Children, all born in Manchester, Mass. :

Amos Hilton

Leghorn, Feb. 2, 1818.

- i. HANNAH LEACH, b. April 2, 1809; m. (1) Nov. 10, 1830, John Richards; m. (2) Aug. 19, 1841, Henry F. Lee, and d. June 7, 1846.
- ii. AMOS, b. April 27, 1812; d. in Boston, March 11, 1858, unmarried.
- iii. ABIGAIL OBER, b. May 5, 1816; m. in Manchester, Mass., May 15, 1836, John Hassam,* of Boston.

The intentions of marriage of Timothy Starns [*sic*] and Polly Hilton were published in Manchester, Jan. 27, 1793.

William Hilton was admitted to full communion with the Church in Wenham, 1716.

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* *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, xxiv., 414, and xliii, 320.

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